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1. FOLLOWING ARE 1974 IMPORT AND EXPORT FIGURES OF PETRO-
LEUM PRODUCTS, REQUESTED BY THE BUREAU OF MINES FOR INTER-
NATIONAL PETROLEUM ANNUAL. UNFORTUNATELY, CENTRAL AMERICAN
TARIFF NOMENCLATURE DOES NOT BREAK DOWN REFINERY PRODUCTS
INTO ALL FOURTEEN CATEGORIES LISTED IN REF.A. NONETHE-
LESS, EFFORT MADE TO RECONCILE THE ENGLISH AND SPANISH
DEFINITIONS.

	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
RECONSTITUTED CRUDE	293,565,804 GAL.	113,993 GAL
AVIATION GASOLINE	4,208,203 GAL	-0-
OTHER GASOLINE	210,385 GAL	40,415 GAL
KEROSENE AND JET FUEL	594,628 GAL	52,202 GAL
DISTILLATE	2,271 GAL	14 GAL
RESIDUAL	424 GAL	1,345,915 GAL
LUBRICANTS AND GREASE	13,779,136 KILOS	44,652 KILOS
LPG	4,419,903 GAL	47,691 GAL
VASELINE	1,539,239 KILOS	1,920 KILOS

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PARAFFIN	7,958,728 KILOS	102 KILOS
WAX	390,685 KILOS	-0-
PETROLEUM COKE, ASPHALT ADN BITUMEN	3,481,484 GAL	48,130 GAL
ANTI-KNOCK GASOLINE ADDITIVES	135,960 KILOS	-0-

2. NO CRUDE OIL IS PRODUCED IN GUATEMALA YET THOUGH EXPLORATION FINDS ARE ENCOURAGING.

3. DURING 1974 TWO REFINERIES WERE OPERATING IN GUATEMALA, ONE WITH MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 15,000 BPD AND OTHER WITH 8,000. SMALLER ONE CLOSED IN MAY 1975 AND BECAME STORAGE TERMINAL FOR IMPORTED POL. DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION IS ABOUT 20,000 BPD AND HAS BEEN GROWING AT 8 PERCENT PER YEAR OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS. THAT TREND MAY CHANGE WHEN SEVERAL LARGE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS COME ON LINE IN THE EARLY 1980'S.

4. IN 1974 ALL RECONSTITUTED CRUDE WAS IMPORTED FROM VENEZUELA AND TRINIDAD, WHILE THE SMALL QUANTITIES OF PETROLEUM EXPORTS WENT TO BELIZE, HONDURAS, EL SALVADOR, NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA, IN DESCENDING ORDER OF VOLUME. ANDRES

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